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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-361; NRC-2013-0070]

Application and Amendment to Facility Operating License Involving

Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination; San Onofre Nuclear

Generating Station, Unit 2

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of Southern California Edison (the licensee) to withdraw its April 5, 2013, application (ADAMS Accession No. ML13098A043), for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-10 for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Unit 2, located in San Diego County, California.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility Technical Specification 5.5.2.11.b.1 to require that compliance with the steam generator structural integrity performance criterion (SIPC) be demonstrated up to 70% Rated Thermal Power (2406.6 megawatts thermal), and added a footnote to the Facility Operating License Condition 2.C(1) "Maximum Power Level," to restrict operation of SONGS Unit 2 to no more than 70% Rated Thermal Power for the SONGS Unit 2, Cycle 17.

The proposed amendment would have made a temporary change to the steam generator management program and the license condition for maximum power. For the duration of Unit 2, Cycle 17, the proposed amendment would have changed the terms "full range of normal operating conditions" and "normal steady state full power operation" and restricted operation to 70 percent of the maximum authorized power level. "Full range of normal operating conditions" and "normal steady state full power operation" would have been based upon the steam generators being operated under conditions associated with reactor core power levels up to 70 percent Rated Thermal Power (2406.6 megawatts thermal).

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the *Federal Register* on April 16, 2013 (78 FR 22576). Subsequently, by letter dated June 12, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML131640201), the licensee notified the NRC that SCE has permanently ceased power operation of SONGS Units 2 and 3, effective June 7, 2013. In addition, by letter dated June 13, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13165A217), the licensee notified the NRC that in light of the decision to permanently cease power operation of SONGS Units 2 and 3, the amendment request is withdrawn.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated April 5, 2013, as supplemented by letters dated April 9 and May 16, 2013 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML13100A021 and ML13137A129, respectively), and the licensee's letters dated June 12 and 13, 2013, which notified the NRC of permanent cessation of power operation at SONGS Units 2 and 3, and withdrew the application for license amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of June, 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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